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FOR CHARGE FROM ATHERTON

U.S. DEL NO. 3

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)
SUBJECT: ATHERTON VISIT

REF: AMMAN 6069

1. THANK YOU FOR CAREFUL ATTENTION YOU ARE GIVING MY ITINERARY IN JORDAN.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE OUR DISCUSSION WITH KING HUSSEIN AND ANYONE ELSE ON JULY 25 RATHER THAN AFTERNOON OF JULY 24. I BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH SHARAF BUT YOU SHOULD LEAVE THE INITIATIVE TO THE GOJ TO SUGGEST ANYONE BEYOND THIS.

3. RE PARA 3 BETTY AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO ATTEND GENERAL BIN SHAKER'S DINNER JULY 25. IF THERE IS ROOM,
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I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF INVITATIONS COULD ALSO BE EXTENDED TO GEORGE SHERMAN AND HELEN KAMER.

4. RE PARA 4, KIRBY WILL NOT BE WITH US FOR AMMAN LEG OF TRIP AND REGRETS HE WILL NOT SEE STARRETTS. (KIRBY IS FLYING DIRECTLY FROM HERE TO ISRAEL AND WILL REJOIN US THERE.) STERNER WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ATTEND STARRETT

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DINNER FOR JOYCE STARR.

5. RE PARA 5, WE WOULD INDEED PREFER TO SKIP NUSAYBEH DINNER THAT EVENING AND WILL PLAN TO DINE PRIVATELY AT THE HOTEL. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXTEND INVITATION TO JIM LEONARD AND NAT HOWELL TO COME AND HAVE DRINKS WITH US AT THE HOTEL FOR AN HOUR OR SO PRIOR TO THEIR DINNER? YOU WOULD BE WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WELL.

6. SCHEDULE GIVEN PARA 6 LOOKS FINE. WE ARE SUGGESTING 0900 TAKE-OFF FROM TAIF THAT MORNING BUT DO NOT KNOW PRECISELY HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE FOR FLIGHT. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE COMING TO YOU IN DUE COURSE FOR PRECISE ETA AMMAN.

7. RE PARA 7, AS OF THE MOMENT WE HAVE NOTHING PARTICULARLY IN THE WAY OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES TO SUGGEST FOR BETTY. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW LATER IF SHE HAS SOME SPECIAL INTEREST.

8. GEORGE SHERMAN IS PLANNING TO FLY DIRECTLY FROM CAIRO TO AMMAN SUNDAY ON ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINES 502 TO MEET THE ATHERTON PARTY ON MONDAY. HE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HIM IN AMMAN SUNDAY NIGHT.BENNETT

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